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**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING A REVIEW OF THE STATE'S CURRENT AND FUTURE  
TRANSPORTATION NEEDS TO IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE FUNDING STRATEGIES  
FOR A SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the department of transportation has experienced  
increased construction costs attributed to inflation of  
materials, including fuel, steel, concrete, asphalt and  
petroleum products that are used in highway projects; and

WHEREAS, inflation of these same material costs affect the  
ongoing maintenance efforts for the highway infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, an additional three thousand new lane miles of  
highway have been added to the state highway system in the last  
two years; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the state are increasingly  
dependent on alternative modes of public transportation; and

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1           WHEREAS, federal funding for federal aid construction  
2 projects is significantly less than anticipated; and

3           WHEREAS, the state road fund revenue is not growing at a  
4 rate comparable to the cost of inflation;

5           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the secretary  
7 of transportation be requested to appoint a technical committee  
8 whose members shall include representatives of the department  
9 of transportation, New Mexico division of the federal highway  
10 administration, associated contractors of New Mexico, American  
11 council of engineering companies of New Mexico, New Mexico  
12 passenger transportation association, regional planning  
13 organizations, municipal planning organizations and other  
14 transportation and aviation associations; and

15           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the technical committee be  
16 requested to develop data and information regarding influences  
17 on the future outlook of transportation in New Mexico and  
18 alternative funding strategies to be available for use by  
19 decision-makers to aid in addressing sustainable transportation  
20 systems for New Mexico; and

21           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of this study be  
22 submitted to the governor and the legislature no later than  
23 January 15, 2008; and

24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
25 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of transportation

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and the members of New Mexico's congressional delegation.